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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE ENVOY DID NOT DISCUSS US TIES WITH GOI;
NO IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH GOI

REF: NEW DELHI 1834

1. MEA VIETNAM REFERENT R.S. MAKHIJA TOLD EMBOFF FEB.9 THAT VIETNAMESE SPECIAL ENVOY PHAN HIEN DID NOT MENTION RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES DURING HIS TALKS WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS. MAKHIJA SAID THE INDIANS HAD NOT RAISED THE ISSUE EITHER. MAKHIJA WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE SAMACHAR ACCOUNT OF PHAN'S STATEMENT, REFTEL, BUT WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE. MAKHIJA SURMISED THAT PHAN HAD NOT VOLUNTEERED THE REMARKS ON TIES WITH THE U.S; BUT GAVE THEM IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION.

2. ON THE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PHAN VISIT, MAKHIJA SAID THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE AMICABLE AND HE THOUGHT CANDID, BUT CONFINED LARGELY TO CONSIDERATIONS OF THE RELATIONS OF INDIA AND VIETNAM WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE NEIGHBORS. MAKHIJA SAID THAT VIETNAMESE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD NO GRAND DESIGN FOR RELATIONS WITH THE ASEAN STATES, BUT PREFERRED TO DEAL WITH REGIONAL PROBLEMS ON A PRAGMATIC AND BILATERAL BASIS. HE SAID THE GOI PARTICIPANTS IN
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THE TALKS CAME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE VIETNAMESE WERE ANXIOUS TO BE IN THE MAINSTREAM OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND HAD SELECTED THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AS A VEHICLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE.

3. MAKHIJA CONFIRMED OUR CONCLUSION THAT THERE WERE NO CONCRETE RESULTS OF THE PHAN VISIT. THE MEA OFFICIAL SAID THAT NO SCHEDULE

HAD BEEN AGREED UPON, OR EVEN ANY PRELIMINARY WORK ACCOMPLISHED
BY THE GOI IN ANTICIPATION OF THE VISIT BY A VIETNAMESE ECONOMIC
DELEGATION. THE INVITATION TO VIETNAMESE PREMIER, PHAN VAN DONG,
TO VISIT INDIA STANDS, SAID MAKHIJA, BUT THIS VISIT WOULD NOT TAKE
PLACE UNTIL THE ECONOMIC DELEGATION HAS BEEN TO NEW DELHI.
MAKHIJA DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY FURTHER MOVEMENT
FOR AT LEAST TWO MONTHS.
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